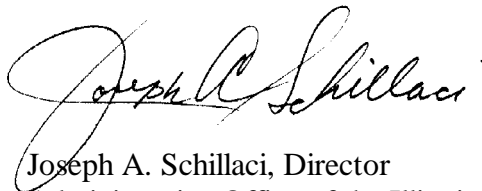


Letter of Transmittal

It is with pleasure that I transmit the 2001 Annual Report of the Illinois Courts. This Report provides a comprehensive summary of the numerous projects and activities pursued by the Illinois Judicial Branch during the past year. The Report contains statistical data on court caseloads, a summary of activities of the Supreme Court's several committees, and a breakdown of state and local funding for the Illinois Judicial Branch. Also included is biographical data on the justices of the Illinois Supreme Court, as well as a brief description of the various divisions of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.

I extend my thanks to all who contributed to the content and production of this Report. Those efforts provide a concise reflection of the important endeavors undertaken by the judiciary in the past year as well as highlight new judicial branch activities planned for the coming year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph A. Schillaci". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joseph" and last name "Schillaci" clearly legible.

Joseph A. Schillaci, Director
Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts